

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 333

By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Ruth E. Johnson of Nashville for meritorious service on the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to honor members of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, upon completion of their terms, who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts have ensured proper attention to myriad issues in fulfillment of the Commission's mission to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems, to provide high-quality research support to state and local government officials in order to improve the overall quality of government in Tennessee, and to improve the effectiveness of the intergovernmental system to better serve the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ruth E. Johnson is a native of Nashville and a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt School of Law, who has distinguished herself as a tax attorney in private and public practice, as the Title III coordinator for Fisk University and adjunct professor in the business division, and as a member of the Nashville Bar Association, serving as treasurer during 1995 and as second vice president during 1999; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career in the public and private sectors, Ms. Johnson has supported her community in various public-spirited capacities by serving on the Boards of

Baptist Hospital and the Center for Non-Profit Management, chairing the Boards of Hubbard Hospital and the Children's House of Nashville, serving as President of the Nashville Chapter of Jack & Jill and as a member of the Nashville Chapter of Links, Inc., as well as serving on the Boards of the American Council for the Arts, the Nashville Institute for the Arts, and the Nashville Symphony; and

WHEREAS, upon his inauguration in 1995 as Governor, Don Sundquist appointed Ruth E. Johnson Commissioner of Revenue, which position she held in service to the people of this great State until 2003, longer than any predecessor, and during which tenure she earned the Association of Government Accountants' National Research Award for the Department of Revenue's new computer system; and

WHEREAS, Ruth E. Johnson was appointed to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations by Governor Don Sundquist in 1995, shortly after her appointment as Commissioner of Revenue, and faithfully served the Governor as a member of this vital Commission for nearly eight years, making her the longest-serving representative of any Governor in the history of the Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ruth E. Johnson for her dedicated service to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and to the good people of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.